

Three day celebration on the beach to welcome start of Olympic sailing



■ Billy Bragg



■ John K Miles

A WEALTH of spectacular creative events is planned for Weymouth, Portland and the Jurassic Coast as part of celebrations for the Olympic Games.

The Maritime Mix London 2012 Cultural Olympiad by the Sea will offer a huge range of live attractions uniting individuals and communities with the borough at its heart.

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The start of the London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic sailing will be celebrated with a three-day mass celebration on Wey-

mouth Beach.

This will include the Battle of the Winds from July 26th-28th, an epic outdoor theatrical performance from Cirque Bijou and Desperate Men.

Coastal Voices on July 27th will see community choirs present new musical compositions from

John Surman, Sonia Slaney, John K Miles, Billy Bragg and Marc Yeats while The Welcome Songs on July 27th will have choirs singing Eliza McCarthy's new musical composition.

Then Breathe on July 28th will turn the spotlight on international and national disabled artists presenting the concluding part of Battle of the Winds.

London 2012 south west creative programmer Richard Crowe said: "Maritime Mix London 2012 Cultural Olympiad by the Sea will allow us to showcase the diverse creative talent which exists in the South West and share this with everyone who decides to be at this once in a lifetime event. It really will complete the Olympic experience for

the Weymouth and Portland community.

"Many members of the local community are involved in the events so it's going to be a fantastic memory for them performing and being part of this ambitious programme. For those not directly involved there will be the joy of being a spectator to this huge creative celebration.

"There will be something for everyone to enjoy from live choral performances to multimedia arts festivals and the best thing is that 95 per cent of these events are free.

"This really is the year for Weymouth and Portland to celebrate the great creative talent that resides here."

Weymouth and Portland special projects spokesman Councillor Howard

Legg said: "We are absolutely delighted that the programme of events in the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad for Dorset, Weymouth and Portland is one of the biggest in the country.

"It's important to remember that the Olympics is not just about elite sport but that culture and community involvement is an integral part of the modern Games.

"Looking at the programme there is an exciting array of vibrant and colourful events which I'm sure will attract visitors to the area and be of great interest to residents too.

"It's also marvelous to see that Dorset, Weymouth and Portland, as well as hosting a world class sporting event, can stage great cultural events as well."



■ John Surman



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AT the age of just 16, Aaron Riley, aka "Negativity", recently became one of the first young musicians to receive a donation from the Fin Gun Fund for young musicians.

Aaron is honing his talent as a rap artist and has already written and recorded a lot of original material. He has performed at a number of events in and around West Dorset and his work has been well received by audiences young and old.

Aaron is a student at the Dorchester Learning Centre where he is working towards his GCSEs, and a future on the rap circuit.

He lives in Dorchester with his mum.

■ HOW did you end up writing rap songs?

I never used to like rap at all, but as I got older I made some friends at school who had started listening to it. We used to rap along to the songs in the playground for a laugh, and then I got asked by one of my teaching assistants if I'd ever written a rap. I said, 'No, I can't and probably never will', but one day I was bored so I thought I'd try and that's how I ended up writing my first rap.

■ WHAT was your first song about?

It was about a girl that I was with and we broke up. I always used to rap about the difficult things in life. That's why I'm called 'Negativity'. These days I rap about a much wider range of things and do much more upbeat songs as well, but when I started out my songs were usually about life's struggles; the loss of a loved one, that kind of thing. Rap music is about expressing your feelings. As I've got older and perfected certain parts of my rapping I've widened my range to include some more positive songs. What I love about rap is that it doesn't hide behind doors - it's the truth.

■ SO, how do you go about writing a rap?

I usually start by writing my ideas out on a notepad, and as I'm dyslexic and find it hard to spell it's always a bit rough. Next, I type it up on a computer and my keyworker at school helps me with the spelling. When it's time to record it, I can go to Bridport Youth Centre, or the youth centre in Dorchester and now that I have all the equipment I need, me and my friends can put down the tracks.

■ HOW did the Fin Gun fund help you?



They've been really generous and have given me about £150 worth of equipment. I was told by my keyworker that a musician called Fin Gun had died and that he had always wanted to help young musicians like me. So, I ended up writing a letter explaining how me and my friends didn't have any recording equipment and they got back and said they'd donate me some money if I would perform at a benefit gig in Finn's memory. That was at Bridport Arts Centre in December. I'd al-

ready had the equipment by then - I got a microphone, a mic-stand a 'pop-shield', which is something that stops the pops you get when you speak certain sounds like 'p' and 'b'.

■ ARE there certain rapping techniques you've had to develop?

Well, I've released the 'inner attitude' - which is when your voice hardens and has a 'don't care' attitude that gives it the rap effect. Then there's beat boxing, but I don't do much of that. There are the gestures and movements too, but I mainly do that when I'm performing rather than in the studio because I don't want to move away from the mic and ruin the recording.

■ WHO have you performed for?

I've performed for all age groups. My music isn't really for any special age group. Last summer I performed at the 'Anonymous Festival', in Maumbury Rings, which is probably the biggest one I've done. I also did the 'One World Festival' at Kings Road Park. I've done lots of little gigs too.

■ WHAT are your three all-time favourite rap songs?

My number three is Techn9nes's 'Midwest Choppers', it's a really fast rap and I'm very fascinated by speed at the moment; Number two is one of my songs actually, 'Always in my Thoughts' which is the one about my Grandad. My keyworker, Clare, cried twice over that one. My number one would have to be Biggie Smalls 'Everyday Struggle' - it was on his first album and it's quite an old skool track.

■ WHAT are your ambitions for the future?

Ideally, I'd like to get signed to a record company, that's the top aim, then lots of people can hear my music, but it all depends whether I can get seen enough really. When I finish school I'm hoping to go to Poole College to do a Level 2/3 NVQ in Music, and then if I can I'd like to go on to University and get a Diploma in Music.

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CCTV cameras watching over the borough

CCTV cameras dotted all over key areas of Weymouth and Portland will help combat everything from terrorist threats and crime to transport problems and public order.

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A Weymouth East PACT meeting was given a special presentation by

Dorset Police CCTV projects manager Andy Sims who talked about a variety of camera locations from Bowleaze Cove and Hope Square to Portland Heights.

He said previous experience meant police know there will be a terrorist attack or an attempted terrorist attack on the British Isles during the Olympic Games period, but he added officers faced far more problems with ticket touts, Fathers for Justice, traffic congestion, heat exhaustion, travellers or major crashes.

Mr Sims said cameras would not just focus on terrorism but on command and control, public safety, perimeters, surveillance inside and outside important sites and many other uses from positions such as the roof of the Pavilion, the seafront, the council offices, Wyke Regis, the Rodwell Trail, Portland beach road, Osprey Quay and Portland Castle.

Most CCTV cameras would be temporary for the Games, he said, and a security operation which would last 70 days.

Councillor John Birtwistle clashed with

him and said he didn't believe that the more CCTV there was the better and he added: "I don't accept that this borough is under threat from Al Qaeda who are just waiting for a chance to come into Weymouth and wreak havoc."

He claimed security had become "an industry" which was "building up threats and the threats are unreal", but the general response from the rest of the meeting was that the presentation had been "useful" and "dispelled some myths".

Road and traffic 2012 manager Matthew Piles gave a presentation on how transport plans were trying to protect residents and visitors at a time when four billion people would be watching Weymouth and Portland.

An extra 30,000 people a day were expected for the Olympic sailing events being staged in the borough and that influx had to be smoothly dealt with through park and ride and other measures, he said.

"What about cycle parking?" he was asked. Mr Piles replied that there would be 700 stands.

He was thanked by chairman Rachel Rogers who said the meeting had been "particularly interesting".

Top speed in Portland

PORTLAND has become one of the fastest places for broadband in the country.

Twenty new cabinets serving 5,000 homes are being installed on the island under the BT Infinity fibre optic roll-out.

Each cabinet is effectively an exchange and this is then connected to the old cabinet via copper wire into the home.

Initially the new system will be capable of up to 40mb download and up to 10mb upload, but this will quickly be enhanced to 80mb and 20mb respectively.

Five cabinets will not be enabled, mainly in the Castletown and Wide Street areas, but these will be subject to a quarterly review.

In order for people to access the service they will have to change their contract with their service provider to High Speed Broadband while a new faceplate and modem will need to be installed.

A marine and environment partnership meeting of Portland Town Council was told that monthly rates are competitive but that people should ensure their service provider knows that HSB is enabled.

The meeting heard that Portland receiving super fast broadband ahead of other areas of the country was a boost attributable to the Olympics.

In addition — and again linked to the Olympics — there will be an ethernet connection installed in Weymouth and this will substantially increase the band width available to support the Olympic coverage. Again this will remain and will allow development of internet services around it.



Huge response to job vacancies at refurbished hotel

STAFF were rushed off their feet when interviews for 60 new jobs at a Weymouth hotel attracted more than 600 applicants.

The Riviera at Bowleaze Cove is completing a major £4 million refurbishment which will see the holiday accommodation re-open in March.

General manager Kevin Bungay said they had been overwhelmed by job applications for everything from bar staff and housekeeping to reception and management posts.

He added: "We knew there would be a good response but we never expected 600 applications. That's ten for every job we were offering which was fantastic for us."

"The standard at interview was very good. It was just what we were looking for and all posts have now been successfully filled."

"All our new staff will have officially joined us within the next week and will be undergoing induction training soon ahead of our re-opening."

"Training will cover everything from health and safety and basic fire safety to food hygiene training to ensure they are fully qualified to work in a safe environment when we re-open."

■ **DELIGHTED:** Kevin Bungay at one of the interview sessions held in the Spyglass pub.

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Work starts on new park and ride sites in time for Olympics

DORCHESTER & WEYMOUTH | CONSTRUCTION work started this week on temporary park and ride sites being used for visitors during the Olympic sailing events this summer.

Dorset will see five sites in operation (three temporary and two permanent).

All sites will be the responsibility of the Olympic Delivery Authority (ODA) for the duration of the Games.

Temporary sites will be at Kingston Maurward, Monkey's Jump (Dorchester) and Littlemoor in Weymouth.

Permanent sites being used by the ODA for the Games are at Mount Pleasant and Preston Beach Road.

The park and ride service aims to reduce the number of visitors driving into the centre of Weymouth.

Hugh Summer, Director of Transport at the Olympic Delivery Authority, said: "The park and ride sites will make the journey into Weymouth much easier for visitors. By limiting the number of spectators' cars coming

into the town, we can minimise the disruption on local roads for local people.

"Getting spectators to events on time and back home again is going to make a huge difference to how people remember the games in years to come. This summer will be incredibly busy, and as much as possible is being done to make London 2012 a public transport Games."

The park and ride can be used by Nothe ticket holders as well as non-ticket holders and visitors to the area.

Passengers will be transported between sites and

venues with the fleet of buses.

Spaces can be booked online at www.london2012.com/getting-to-the-games.

Sites will be clearly signed and drivers will be directed from the main roads to them.

Visitors to Weymouth and Portland can also book a direct coach from the West and South West of the country. Locations include; Birmingham, Gloucester, Cardiff, Exeter and Southampton.

These coaches will drop off and pick up from the Preston Beach Road site next to the Lodmoor Household Recycling

Centre and not the Lodmoor public car park.

For more information about park and ride services and traffic measures during the 2012 Olympic Games go to www.dorset-foryou.com/london2012/transport

Around 60 buses will be operating per day. This will increase up to around 120 buses depending on demand.

Buses will run every three to five minutes.

Park and ride sites will open from 7.30am-12.30am. Buses will depart from 8am with the last bus leaving the Swannery transport hub at 11.30pm.

Parking permit system to be changed

WEST DORSET | CHEATS who abuse West Dorset's District Council parking permits are expected to see the system changed.

The district council believes that the £16 permits, which allow shoppers two hours parking a day, over a period of six months are being misused.

A committee on Tuesday (February 7th) was being asked to scrap the permits, which are currently being used by

more than 3,000 people, and replace them with a scratch card system.

These would be sold in books of 20, priced at £20, with each scratch card to be used for up to six periods of 20 minutes, a total of two hours, in any one day.

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■ REVISED PLANS: Emma Baker at the Memorial Hall exhibition in Victoria Avenue

Revised plans concentrate on road safety

A SERIES of exhibitions has been held to highlight county council proposals to improve traffic conditions on Weymouth's Dorchester Road.

The route has benefited from reduced traffic since Weymouth's new relief road opened, but a public consultation into much larger changes planned for the road revealed that residents didn't want them.

So the authority has come back with scaled down proposals and it has been asking people if they like the reduced scheme.

County project manager Emma Baker said: "The emphasis now is on slowing traffic down, improving pedestrian facilities and introducing cycleways between Manor Roundabout and Wey Valley School.

"We have listened to what people said and part of our approach is designed to reduce Dorchester Road being used as a rat run.

"To do this we propose to introduce raised surface areas to encourage motorists to slow down.

"We have also heeded requests to make life easier for pedestrians and cyclists and

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our revised scheme has safety as one of its main priorities."

She added that nearly 300 people attended the five exhibitions which had been held and the county council will soon begin sorting through and cataloguing remarks made on a comment form which was available at all the events.

Among questions asked were how the scheme would affect residents' homes and their travel arrangements and whether what was being proposed would allay concerns about excess traffic speeds.

She said: "Residents unable to get to the exhibitions can still view the plans on line and submit their comments before the deadline of February 29th."

"We will then review all the comments, try and work suggestions into our design and carry out the work.

"If all goes well then Dorchester Road could be transformed by Christmas allowing for a gap during the Olympic Games when no work will be carried out."

Grants to help celebrate Olympics

GRANTS could help communities across Weymouth and Portland celebrate the Olympic Games and Torch.

The torch will be in the borough on July 12th-13th and to help celebrations the Weymouth and Portland Partnership and Weymouth and Portland council has established a Small Community Grants Fund.

Communities can apply for funding to help organise their own celebrations.

Grants could be used to buy materials for art workshops, flags and bunting or hiring entertainment equipment while the cash could also buy plants and planters to help decorate their area in

Olympic colours.

Those interested in more information should visit the 2012 Community Involvement pages at

www.weymouthandportlandpartnership.org or www.dorsetforyou.com/london2012.

Anyone who would like to discuss their ideas before submitting their application form should contact Louise Stewart on 01305 838364.

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■ Bonny Sartin

An evening with Bonny Sartin

PEOPLE are being invited along to enjoy a great night's entertainment with The Yetties former member John 'Bonny' Sartin.

An Evening with Bonny Sartin is being presented by St Edmunds Lanehouse on Saturday, February 11th.

Bonny travels around entertaining audiences with his infectious enthusiasm for memories of yesteryear together with song and his special ability to recite a poem.

Tickets cost £7.50 and those interested should contact 01305 785811 and 07840 326866 or 01305-787970 and 750836.

Residents petition for crossing on danger road

SPEEDING traffic poses such a danger at a Weymouth roundabout that more than 1,000 residents have signed a petition to try and get a pedestrian crossing.

Chafey's roundabout is a focal point for three sections of 50mph road which hundreds of people have to risk crossing every day because their community of Southill is split off from town.

But Dorset County Council has so far refused to lower the speed limit although it may consider providing controlled crossings of Weymouth Way when funding is available.

County councillor David Harris has spearheaded the petition campaign for a crossing and said residents wanted a safer crossing point.

He added: "The amount of traffic using the roundabout at which residents presently have to cross has increased by 50 per cent since the relief road has been opened and is now at

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30,000 vehicles per day.

"As a result of this petition there will be a debate on the provision of a crossing point at the full county council meeting on February 16th."

Mr Harris, who led the work of collecting the petition with the help of several local residents, said he was amazed at the response.

He added: "I have never

knocked on resident's doors before and almost been dragged off my feet to sign a petition. Only one per cent of those contacted were against the proposal.

"We are particularly concerned about families and less physically fit adults crossing next to a roundabout with three 50mph

roads meeting.

"The council is promoting more sustainable travel on foot and cycle yet have cut off the 2,000+ people of Southill and not given them a safe access to town.

"A friend in a wheelchair, Ian White, has a video of a near miss he had when a car stopped to

let him across and another car came up on the outside and almost hit him."

Mr Harris said he will be speaking to the petition at the council meeting and hopes that plans can be drawn up and costed for a light controlled crossing a short distance from the roundabout.

Dignity in care

A SPECIAL lunch was held in Weymouth as part of national Dignity Action Day.

The event at the Spyglass pub at Bowleaze was staged by Weymouth and West Dorset Bluebird care.

Director Chris Scriven said: "It was an opportunity to give our customers a chance to socialise, to enjoy a meal out and for us to listen and communicate with them."

"The national day highlights the need for dignity in care and our event at the Spyglass, one of 348 nationally, was a local celebration of that."

"We will also be acting on suggestions made today so we can refine our care service even further."

■ CHRIS Scriven (right) at the lunch



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Cider and pizza pair extend their empire



■ PIZZA, pies and cider came to Weymouth when the new Stable restaurant opened on the quay-side.

Owners Richard and Nikki Cooper (pictured at the launch) already own and run the Bull Hotel and another Stable restaurant in Bridport.

Richard said: "We decided to come to Weymouth because we were looking for premises in the town and we stumbled across the second and third floors of an historic old grain warehouse which had been empty for years. It's a beautiful location which I can compare to a Dickensian film set."

"We saw its potential and the rest is history. "With the Olympics coming this is a town going through the process of change and we wanted to be a part of that and help the process."

The couple are bringing their award-winning gourmet pizza expertise to the resort in tandem with an incredible array of 57 different ciders.

Richard said: "The idea was to celebrate a tradition and a product long established in Dorset with gourmet pizzas where the main ingredients are locally sourced."

"We have found a simple formula, it works and we are sticking to it."

"We want to use the cider to create interest because it is a fascinating subject and it is very fashionable at the moment."

"We have a range of types and flavours and there are so many of them that people will have to come here for a long time to try them all."



■ COMMEMORATION: The original plaque on the site of the old Whitehead Torpedo Works has become illegible

Memorial plaque to be upgraded

WYKE Regis Protection Society is trying to raise funds for the upgrade of the Whitehead Plaque on the site of the old Whitehead Torpedo Works at Ferry-bridge.

The site at Whitehead Drive is a very important one for Wyke.

At one time Whiteheads employed 1,700 local people and the railway, shops and pubs grew up around the works.

The society said that the current plaque erected by developer Crest Homes is of poor quality stone which has deteriorated so much that the wording is now illegible.

Jean Hamdorff of the society said: "We are working with a local stone mason with the hope of replacing the

plaque with granite at a cost of £1,700.

"Once upgraded we will have a sign on the Rodwell trail and information on the memorials website."

The Whitehead torpedo works played an important role in military history, was visited by royalty and at its height had an enormous workforce.

A variety of projects continued in peacetime and torpedoes were still being produced there in the 1960s, but the works were sold to Wellworthy in 1967.

The whole site finally closed in the mid-1990s and a short while later it was sold and buildings were demolished ahead of a housing development.

Twinnings looking forward to German trip

WEYMOUTH and Portland Holzwickede Twinning Society held its annual meeting at the borough's council offices on North Quay in Weymouth.

Among those attending was society president, Weymouth and Portland Mayor Graham Winter.

Chairman Colin Evans said that the society had an excellent 2011, taking part in many activities with one of the highlights being a cultural visit to Berlin.

This year's twinning trip to Holzwickede in April will continue to celebrate 25 years of friendship between the two towns on the anniversary of the charter being signed in Germany.

All the current officers and committee were re-elected for 2012.



■ TWINNING: Society President and Weymouth and Portland Mayor Graham Winter (seated, second right) with other members and guests at the annual meeting

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The Elm Tree

IN May 2011 The Elm Tree Inn was taken over and is now owned by Debbie Hughes and Jamie Walker who also own a fish business, The Portland Scallop Co. Jamie, a former commercial and scallop diver sources diver scallops mainly from West Bay and other local fish and fresh seafood which are put on the specials boards. The company has won two Taste of The West gold awards for the scallops and the best overall fish category. Portland crab, rope-grown mussels, lemon sole, plaice and sea bass and many more fish and shellfish feature on the menu when available.

Everything is home

cooked and as much produce as possible is locally sourced. Local game is also a speciality with rabbit and game pies also on the boards. Other home made pies include steak and ale, cottage pie and of course fish pie. Also usually available is liver with smoked

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The Christian Column

AS I SEE IT ...

by Geoff Treleven

Lasting value

"YOU'RE the best girl in the world" he said, then added, "I tell all the girls that".

Such a flippant comment by a work colleague was not meant to be taken seriously. But I do wonder about all the messages about to be written on Valentine cards. Some may be sent in fun and others with much deeper meaning.

If those with serious intent could be preserved like antiques and brought out many years later, would they still have value? Words can come easily but action is worth so much more. One way of assessing real value is whether it stands the test of time.

Scripture gives clear instructions regarding the sanctity and permanence of marriage as well as family relationships. We need that because, as every married person knows well, there are problems to overcome as well as pleasures to enjoy.

I am not very knowledgeable about antiques, but it can be amazing how value can increase with age and marriages should be like that. How important to pray that we get it right in the first place.

So celebrate and have fun on Valentine's Day. But be serious about the promises you make. (See Ephesians 5:33)

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Looking forward to a diamond year

WEYMOUTH and Portland has officially launched a glittering events and festivals programme for 2012.

The programme was sponsored by Bowleaze's Riviera Hotel and it raised the curtain on more 200 events from international festivals, sporting championships and markets to art and family fun events.

The jewel in the crown will be the London 2012 Games when Weymouth and Portland will proudly host the Olympic and Paralympic sailing events.

Major festivals will include Weymouth's Big Beach Weekend featuring the high flying International Beach Kite Festival and all the excitement and celebration of the Queens Jubilee, Armed Forces celebrations in June, international fireworks in August and the fifth Spirit of the Sea Maritime Festival.

Great spectacles throughout the year will include Maritime Mix-London 2012 Cultural

Olympiad by the Sea which will encompass world class outdoor theatre, open-air mass performances, visual arts, multi media arts festivals, panoramic video projections, participative music, dance and celebrations from May 3rd September 9th.

Weymouth and Portland leisure and tourism spokesman Councillor Andy Blackwood said he looked forward to "a memorable year" and added: "Our events programme is a great success and reflects the commitment, creativity and inspiration of the people of the borough and the many supporting businesses and local organisations."

Sport will once again be a major feature through the year, hockey and squash festivals plus tag rugby, beach soccer and volleyball, as well as Lions Beach Motocross.

There will also be numerous walks, runs, swims and multi-discipline events for all standards and ambitions including the Great Charity Parks Walk in April,



■ LAUNCHING THE 2012 EVENTS PROGRAMME: from the left, Weymouth Swimming Pool's Mark Leahy, Kevin Bungay, Epic Printing's business development manager Andi Surcouf, Weymouth and Portland events officer Charlie Sheppard and Councillor Andy Blackwood

by Harry Walton
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Round the Rock 10km in May on Portland, Weymouth Bay Swim for the British Heart Foundation in June and the Dimble

Bimble Fun Run and Weymouth Classic Triathlon in September. People can also enjoy Weymouth and Port-

land's parks and open spaces which will once again be a buzz of colour, pride and interest, with a host of activities including nature by the RSPB, events, fetes, fayres and picnics organised by many vibrant friends

groups and local organisations.

One of the year's earliest major events is the resort's big tourism show, The Best of Dorset Show, at Weymouth Pavilion Theatre on Sunday, March 25th.

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Mayor's thanks for festive support

GENEROUS Weymouth and Portland residents helped raise £2,650.84 for Mayor Graham Winter's Christmas Fund appeal.

Councillor Winter said he was delighted with the response and added: "I am overjoyed at the tremendous success of the appeal.

"It is wonderful that local residents and businesses across the borough have been so generous and recognise the positive impact this money can make on many lives, especially considering the hard times we have all experienced in some way or another last year.

"The funds raised are already being put to work benefitting local people who need a helping hand, and I am very grateful to Weymouth and Portland Lions Club for administering the fund for me again this year."

Norman Apps of Weymouth and Portland Lions Club, said: "As with the Lions Club, all the money is spent locally on various cases of hardship and of a compassionate nature where funds would not normally be available through official sources. Quite often we are the last resort.

"I can assure you that from the feedback we get from those that we have helped they are extremely grateful."

The Mayor's Christmas Appeal runs all year round and is open for donations at any time. These can be sent to the Mayor's Christmas Fund, Council Offices, North Quay, Weymouth DT4 8TA. Requests for assistance from the fund should also be addressed to the Mayor at the same address.

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A bit of monkey business at Southill



■ MONKEY TOWELS: James O'Neill with pupils from Southill school

by Harry Walton
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WESSEX FM presenter James O'Neill has visited Southill School in Weymouth to accept towels for monkeys collected by the children in response to the Towels for Monkey World appeal.

Pupil Arlie Hay had asked headteacher Wayne Roberts if pupils at the school could collect towels for the monkeys after hearing the appeal from Monkey World via James' early morning show.

James duly attended the school to meet pupils and collect the towels.

Weymouth weather watch



WEYMOUTH had heavier than usual rain during January. Weatherman Bob Poots said the average for the month was about 76mm but this January saw nearly 94mm with nearly an inch of rain falling on January 6th, most of the rain coming in the first half of the month.

Sixteen days stayed dry while sunshine levels were just below average.

Snow flakes and sleet were recorded on the 22nd and 27th while hail was recorded on the 17th.

Air frost was recorded on four days and ground frost on 11 days while thunder and lightning were noted on the 17th.

Winds were light during the month with the strongest gust of 37mph coming on the 7th.

Temperatures were all below the monthly average with maximum down one degree centigrade at 7.6C, minimum down 0.6C at 3.4C.

View Letters - Importance of Remembering

FURTHER to last week's article entitled: "The importance of remembering" about the service held in Radipole Gardens in Weymouth on January 24th to mark this year's Holocaust Memorial Day, I would like to add that I helped organise and also spoke at the event.

I read an excerpt from Etty Hillesum's diaries "An Interrupted Life"

which told of how a young woman from Amsterdam, caught up in the Nazi oppression, made a decision not to demonise the German soldiers, thus showing that a person can retain their humanity whatever is going on around them.

I also read a poem by Marge Piercy, entitled "Kaddish" and explained that the Kaddish is the

traditional Jewish prayer for the dead, said by those who mourn.

A train went by during the service and there was a very poignant moment when we all stopped and listened.

We ended the service by singing together "Shalom Aleichem" - the Hebrew words for "Peace be with you".

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Last chance to comment on gypsy and traveller site plans

WEST DORSET | THE last chance to comment on the controversial Gypsy and Traveller site proposals ends this Friday, February 10th.

Dorset councils have paid consultants more than a quarter of a million pounds to come up with a series of proposed sites for gypsies and travellers. Many have been so contentious they have been dropped even before the consultation has ended.

The chance for the public to comment began in mid-November and has resulted in action groups being set up in a number of areas to oppose the suggested sites, although elsewhere there has been a broad welcome for the continuation of long-standing gypsy sites.

Once adopted the

document will allocate permanent and transit sites to meet Dorset's needs for the next 15 years.

Police say that without the county being able to prove it has enough official spaces to meet the needs of traveller their powers to move on illegal encampments is extremely limited.

People are encouraged to respond to the consultation on-line, if possible.

Otherwise, the questionnaire can be completed and handed in at a town or parish council office or posted to local district council offices.

The consultation documents and details of exhibitions and sites across Dorset can be found at:

www.dorsetforyou.co.uk/travellerpitches.

If you have a story for Dorchester email trevorbevins@gmail.com



Let the bells ring out!

BELL ringers, led by Tony Spillar, took half an hour out of their day on Monday (February 6th) at St George's Church Fordington, to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Accession of Queen Elizabeth II.

Other churches in the area, including Charminster, also rung their bells in celebration during the day.



Dorset Cereal to star on red carpet

DORCHESTER | STARS are in for a treat when they open their goody bags at this year's Oscars in Los Angeles on February 24th.

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"As a little company from Dorset, England, it is a huge privilege to be selected to be in front of so many A-list celebrities, not to mention a wealth of other well-established brands."

Cancer charity spreads some warmth this winter

DORSET | A CANCER charity has more than doubled the amount of money it gives to help patients struggling to meet rising fuel bills.

Macmillan Cancer Support has given more than £11,250 in grants to 60 Dorset cancer patients to help with energy bills in the last year, a rise of more than 55 per cent on the amount given

the previous year.

"To feel too scared to put the heating on because of soaring energy bills is an unacceptable reality for thousands of vulnerable cancer patients who feel the cold more and spend long periods of time at home," said Sarah Beaven, cancer information and support specialist for the region.

"When the charity was established 100-years-ago, founder Douglas Macmillan helped cancer patients by handing out sacks of coal to keep them warm.

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LOCAL company Guy Crabb Plumbing and Heating Ltd had a very busy year during 2011 pushing the business forwards and is now able to offer customers a wide range of solutions for the changing needs of the future. Renewable energy will become a major factor in addressing the issues of rising fuel costs, global warming and the fact that the country as a whole needs a sustainable energy supply.

In order to comprehensively cater for these advanced requirements, the company undertook an extensive training programme covering all main renewable energy technologies and successfully gained Microgeneration Certification Scheme (MCS) accreditation for all types of heat pumps, biomass boilers, photovoltaic systems and solar thermal systems; following this a new division, Southwest Eco Systems, was launched to focus entirely on these renewable and eco-friendly technologies. The MCS accreditation will allow customers to claim feed-in tariffs and future renewable heat incentive payments.

Guy Crabb, Company Director, said "There are two main problems within the renewable energy sector – many companies offer just one or a limited range of technologies and therefore may be unable to provide the customer with the most appropriate system for their requirements: also many companies do not have suffi-

cient relevant experience which can result in incorrect and inefficient installations. With our extensive knowledge and our ability to offer all the main technologies, we can present our customers with a wide range of options in order to provide them with the most appropriate technologies for their home or business needs."

The company received a very positive report from the MCS assessor who wrote "A well organised company with many years experience in designing and installing heating systems. All the installations were to a high standard and customer care is obviously a priority with this company. A very professional company with a good knowledge of renewable energy systems."

Southwest Eco System's brand new purpose-built renewable showroom, the first of its kind in the area, will incorporate many working displays and a wide range of woodburning stoves; this coupled with on-hand guidance from the knowledgeable staff will provide customers with the ability to better understand the increasing range of renewable technologies on offer. The showroom will be launched with an open day this Saturday 11th February and refreshments will be available throughout the day. Following the launch, the showroom at Gore Cross will be open Monday-Friday 9am-5pm, and Saturday mornings 9am-12.

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Full house for launch of business network

DORSET | MORE than 200 company owners and directors packed the conference hall of Kingston Maurward College for the launch of a Dorset-wide business support network.

Called "Rural-Net", it has been set up by WSX Enterprise, the not-for-profit business support agency based at Poole.

At the launch event details of the scheme were outlined by WSX Enterprise's Ian Girling and Matthew Butcher, while Government minister Oliver Letwin spoke of the value of the new initiative.

Mr Letwin said: "We are in incredibly difficult times, but there is nothing this country deals with better, and I am constantly amazed by what is achieved in Dorset."

"Dorset has some very big and very suc-

cessful firms, as well as loads and loads of tiny but energetic businesses which in many cases will be the employers of the future. We are on the move, and this scheme will be part of it."

Rural-Net will meet regularly in six hubs around the county, enabling rurally-based company owners to sharpen their skills, exchange ideas and hear from experts on business issues.

The chairman of the Marshwood group, centred around Bridport, Beaminster and Lyme Regis, is John Colton.

He said: "Running a small rural business can be a pretty lonely operation, so it is invaluable to meet up regularly with people in the same position."

"You gain strength from realising that you are actually one of many, and being



■ AT the Rural-Net launch: MP Oliver Letwin with the Rural-Net chairmen and LEP chairman Gordon Page (right back)

able to compare notes."

Matthew Butcher, enterprise manager for WSX, said: "So many people responded to the launch of Rural-Net that we had to double the number we had orig-

inally planned for."

"That confirms us in our belief that it is the right answer for company owners needing to network, stay up to date and develop their skills."

Help save a life

DORSET | DORSET businesses are being challenged to train their staff and provide more life-saving defibrillator machines during National Heart Month.

St John Ambulance wants to see more Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) available at businesses and locations like doctor and dentists' surgeries, leisure facilities and shopping centres where they could save someone's life if their heart stops beating.

The charity is offering a special package to organisations in Dorset to buy an AED and get training for up to eight people.

The machine shocks the heart back into action and can be operated by anyone, regardless of the level of their first aid knowledge.

Kim George, AED co-ordinator for St John Ambulance in the South West said: "St John Ambulance believes that no one should die because of a lack of first aid when they need it. Defibrillators are an important part of first aid and we encourage any business or organisation to get one. It could be the difference between a life lost and a life saved."

"This is a fantastic package offering all you need to have an AED on site with confidently trained staff but in an emergency anyone can use as it as the machine talks you through the process."

"The more AEDs that are located throughout the county the more lives that can be saved."

Anyone interested in purchasing an AED should contact St John Ambulance on 0844 324 5535.

AED training and requalification courses can be delivered through any of St John Ambulance's training centres in Dorchester, Poole, Shaftesbury and Weymouth.

If you have a story for Dorchester contact Trevor Bevens on 07763535778 or trevorbevins@gmail.com

Top apprentice

DORCHESTER | KIRSTY Loveridge was named Kingston Maurward's Apprentice of the Year at an awards ceremony held at the Dorchester college last week.

Kirsty from Wimborne, a Level 3 Advanced Apprentice in Animal Management, won the overall award sponsored by the college's new Apprenticeship Partner Smart Recruitment.

In front of a record turnout of sponsors, employees, apprentices and family members, the evening included an inspiring address by quadriplegic UK National sailing competitor Keith Harris, and concluded with a buffet.

Kingston Maurward College Principal Clare Davison said: "It was wonderful to see so many employers supporting this great event, and we are grateful to all our sponsors. For many young people apprenticeships are the key to a long and satisfying career, and we are delighted with their success."



■ AWARD winners including Apprentice of the Year Kirsty Loveridge (second left front row) celebrate their success

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<p>England</p> <p>4 days in Lichfield</p> <p>Depart 02/05/12 Returns 05/15/12</p> <p>Your tour will begin by travelling north to Lichfield and staying 3 nights at the George Hotel. Dinner, bed & breakfast included in the price.</p> <p>The tour will be visiting: National Memorial Aboretum Brownhills Steam Train Half day in Lichfield</p> <p>Price per person £239</p> <p>All Inclusive Limited number of non supplement rooms</p>	<p>England</p> <p>5 days in Great Yarmouth</p> <p>Depart 12/05/12 Returns 16/05/12 Depart 01/09/12 Returns 05/09/12</p> <p>Your break will begin by travelling to Great Yarmouth and spending 4 nights at the New Beach Hotel. Dinner, bed & breakfast are included in the price.</p> <p>The tour will be visiting: Norfolk Broads Cruise aboard the unique Mississippi Paddle Boat, Wroxham Barns (Art & Craft Centre) Bressingham Steam and Gardens, A free day in Great Yarmouth</p> <p>Price per person £399</p> <p>All Inclusive Limited number of non supplement rooms</p>	<p>England</p> <p>7 days The Isle of Man</p> <p>Depart 29/09/12 Returns 05/10/12</p> <p>Your break will begin by travelling north & spending 1 night at the Carousel Hotel, Blackpool followed by morning ferry from Heysham across to Douglas, Isle of Man. You will then spend 5 nights at either of the above hotels situated in Douglas. Dinner, bed & breakfast are included in the price.</p> <p>The tour will be visiting: Wheell, Peel, St Johns Art and Craft Centre, Dalby, Douglas to Port Erin and return via railway, And more!</p> <p>Price per person £639</p> <p>All Inclusive Limited number of non supplement rooms Overnight Bag</p>	<p>England</p> <p>5 day Lake District tour</p> <p>Depart 14/08/12 Returns 18/08/12</p> <p>Your break will begin by travelling north to Gretna and staying 4 nights at the Gretna Hall Hotel. Dinner, bed & breakfast are included in the price.</p> <p>The tour will be visiting: Carlisle to Hexham via Hadrians Wall, Carlisle to Settle, return by train, a boat trip on Lake Windermere over Kirkstone Pass</p> <p>Price per person £399</p> <p>All Inclusive Limited number of non supplement rooms</p>	<p>England</p> <p>5 days in Eastbourne</p> <p>Depart 29/10/12 Returns 02/11/12</p> <p>Your break will begin by travelling to Eastbourne and staying 4 nights at the Queens Hotel. Dinner, bed & breakfast and one lunch are included in the price.</p> <p>The tour will be visiting: Battle (Abbey & Battlefield), Hastings, Beachy Head & Countryside Centre, Newhaven & Paradise Garden Centre, Brighton and leisure day in Eastbourne</p> <p>Price per person £229</p> <p>Admission Charges may apply Limited number of non supplement rooms</p>	<p>Scotland</p> <p>8 days in Oban</p> <p>Depart 17/06/12 Returns 26/06/12</p> <p>Your break will begin by spending one night at the Gretna Hall Hotel a further five nights at the Royal Hotel in Oban and one night at The Gretna Hotel on your return journey. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.</p> <p>The tour will be visiting: Fort William, Neptune's Staircase, The Commando Memorial, Aonachmor Gondola, Lift and Ski Centre, Mull and Iona tour by ferry and coach (weather permitting), Cruchan, The Hollow Mountain, Bridge over the Atlantic, Bridge of Orchy, Ballachulish and Seil Island</p> <p>Price per person £599</p> <p>All Inclusive Overnight Bag Limited number of non single supplement rooms</p>	<p>Scotland</p> <p>7 days in Fort William</p> <p>Depart 01/06/12 Returns 07/06/12</p> <p>Your break will begin by spending one night at the Gretna Hall Hotel a further five nights at the Alexandra Hotel and one night at The Gretna Hotel on your return journey. Dinner, Bed and Breakfast are included in the price.</p> <p>The tour will be visiting: Ben Nevis Distillery and Visitors Centre, Spean Bridge Woolen Mill, The Commando Memorial, Neptunes Staircase, Aonachmor Gondola Lift and Ski centre, Newton More, Kinnosie, Jacobite Steam train</p> <p>Price per person £499</p> <p>Admission Charges Overnight Bag Limited number of non single supplement rooms</p>

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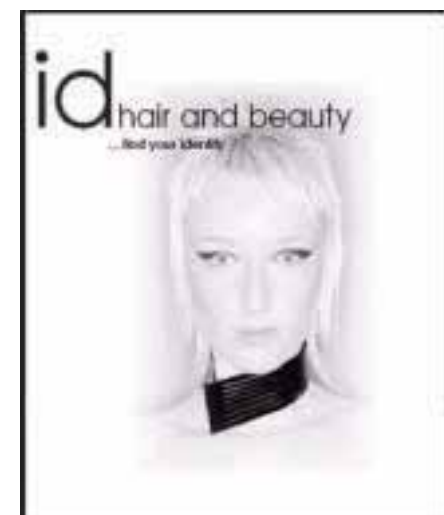
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THE Tank Museum is transporting its visitors back in time this February Half Term (11th -19th Feb), with the "1940's Experience" giving visitors a taste of wartime Britain.

Visitors will learn about life on the Home Front during World War Two in a series of fun family activities, finding out about evacuation, rationing, and the menacing threat of air raids.

Free guided tours of the museum's Home Front House will allow visitors to see and touch a number of original artefacts from the time, and Bovington's own Home Guard will be on parade to explain their role and demonstrate their equipment.

A special guest appearance from a '1940's Housewife' on Monday 13rd & Tuesday 14th will see the spirit of 'Make Do and Mend' revived through a series of interactive demonstrations of wartime home-craft and cookery.

You'll even be able to try out our special wartime menu in the museum restaurant; with soups, stews and Spam featuring prominently!

Plus, there will be the opportunity to climb in a tank, try on uniforms, enjoy family trails, tours, and explore the world's finest collection of tanks: all indoors and all included in the ticket price! It's Tonnes of Fun at The Tank Museum!

For more information, click www.tankmuseum.org or call 01929 405096.

Stand Up Dorchester

STAND Up Dorchester returns on Saturday (February 11th) at the Corn Exchange, and a brilliant line-up is in store.

Compere for the evening is Geoff Whiting, and sets come from Matt Dwyer ("Very charming a breath of fresh air... lovely positive energy" - Comedy CV), Colin Owens ("Genuinely brilliant" - Jimmy Carr) and headliner Tim Clark ("An unsung hero of stand-up comedy - the current master of this underrated art" - The Guardian).

For more details on the February Stand Up Dorchester evening, or to book tickets, call 01305 266926, visit www.dorchester.org.uk or email enquiries@dorchesterarts.org.uk

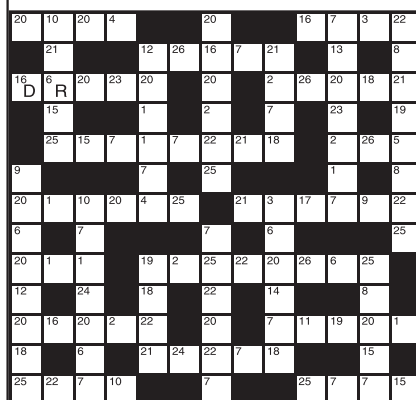


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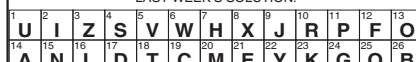
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Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Little room in the Greek style (5)
4. Male, but subject to change (7)
8. Suitable food for a stag-party? (7)
9. What the victims of disaster have come to (5)
10. Regretted being uncivil by the sound of it (4)
11. He's willing (8)
13. See 23 Across
14. To give ground for what is planted, we hear (4)
16. They are heated by the current weather (8)
17. The beginnings of every poem involving chivalry will be! (4)
20. What happened to part of the meat entree (5)
21. Mete out punishment for Charles X (7)
22. Is stay due to be rearranged at this particular time? (7)
- 23 & 13 Ac. A mount to gamble on - the jockey's on this presumably (9)

Down

1. Notice I'd even matters out! (13)
2. A bit strained in some grammatical application? (5)
3. Drop all the players! (4)
4. Acted as a custodian, but objected (6)
5. How people unite to capture the girl (8)
6. Fifty in wild tribes show angry resistance (7)
7. A distinctive quality of champagne (13)
12. Intended for public show, but covered up (8)
13. Have regular inspirations (7)
15. Describing the situation of those in a jam? (6)
18. The name that disheartens the petty-officer! (5)
19. Frustrate a quick movement (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Fast (5)
4. Feign (7)
8. Anguish (7)
9. Accumulate (5)
10. Finished (4)
11. Admixture (8)
13. Cut into small pieces (4)
14. Daze (4)
16. Plot (8)
17. Story (4)
20. Angry (5)
21. Relevant (7)
22. Ingredient (7)
23. Extract by force (5)

Down

1. Looking back (13)
2. Professional boxer's prize (5)
3. Judge (4)
4. Powerful (6)
5. Clear out of (8)
6. High spirits (7)
7. Separation (13)
12. To finish (8)
13. Hollow (7)
15. Shining (6)
18. Proverb (5)
19. Increase (4)

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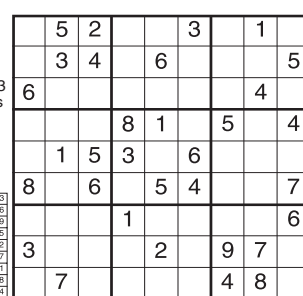


LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:
CRYPTIC - Across: 3 Starboard; 8 Wave; 9 Knowledge; 10 Sortie; 11 Adder; 14 Raise; 15 Dene; 16 Still; 18 Cell; 20 April; 21 Sedan; 24 Flaunt; 25 Tearfully; 26 Isle; 27 Plasterer. Down: 1 Awe-struck; 2 Overfills; 4 Tone; 5 Rowed; 6 Obeyed; 7 Rage; 9 Kites; 11 Alien; 12 Retroousse; 13 Realities; 17 Tally; 19 Leans; 22 Abuse; 23 Deal; 24 Flea. QUICK - Across: 3 Accompany; 8 Earn; 9 Sovereign; 10 Accent; 11 Raise; 14 Halve; 15 Even; 16 Reaps; 18 None; 20 Torso; 21 Tandy; 24 Carbon; 25 Continual; 26 Edge; 27 Retrieves. Down: 1 Megaphone; 2 Truculent; 4 Coat; 5 Opera; 6 Please; 7 Nigh; 9 Sneer; 11 Ready; 12 Everybody; 13 Encounter; 17 Steal; 19 Easter; 22 Dense; 23 Zone; 24 Care.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

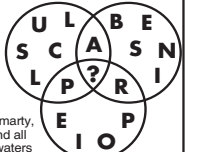


Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:

The letter represented by the question mark is R. Cromarty, Rockall, Portland all regions of the waters



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3... 2... 1... BLAST OFF! Muttnik is a stray: scavenging on the streets of Moscow until one day she is captured and finds herself at the Russian Space Centre to become the first ever 'astro-dog', going 'where no dog has gone before!' This physical theatre show for children and childish adults blasts off from Bridport's Lyric Theatre on Monday, February 13th and tells the stunning, true story of the 1957 Sputnik 2 rocket-dog, Laika. A perfect half term treat for all ages (Grannies, Grandads, Mums and Dads as well as little ones right down to 2 years old).

Having zoomed through sell out UK tours in 2006-2008 and '5 star' performances at The Edinburgh Fringe Festival, Muttnik is blasting off again but with a new solo performer: Bridport-born Tessa Bide. This is Tessa's first solo professional show and it is coming to The Lyric (Bridport) straight after opening at the Lyric Hammersmith (London) two days previously! The show is then

zooming around the UK for its Spring/Summer tour.

We need you to help Muttnik as she learns to fly a rocket and dance in zero gravity. Will she skate on the rings of Saturn, what will be her first message home and what will it be like to dig holes on the moon?

Told with dance, music and puppetry but without dialogue, this enchanting tale feeds the imagination and is suitable for children over three. Created by award-winning performer and early years performance expert Niki McCretton (Resident Artist at Lighthouse, Poole's Centre for the Arts and co-owner of The Lyric Theatre).

The show is approximately 1 hour long and the doors open roughly 20 minutes before the start of the show. Pre-booking tickets is strongly recommended.

You can see more info, photos

galore and extra dates and venues at www.niki-mccretton.com. Alternatively, go to The Lyric's sites: www.the-lyric.com, www.facebook.com/thelyrictheatre and #bridportlyric on twitter.

Tickets are £6 (child) and £9 (adult) from The Lyric. Book online at www.the-lyric.com, call 01308 423951, e-mail tickets@the-lyric.com or pop in to The Lyric Theatre, 9 Barrack Street, Bridport DT6 3LX. We're open Tues - Fri 10-5pm and Wed 12-5pm.



Weymouth and Portland's Newest Wedding Fayre

FUTURE brides and grooms are invited to the Wedding Fayre at Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy on April 9th 2012 from 11am - 4pm.

The Fayre is a wonderful opportunity to meet and chat to a wide range of local wedding specialists and suppliers, who will all be gathered under one roof, for one day only! Anyone looking for their dream wedding cake, ideal photographer or ultimate wedding car can come along, see what's on offer and plan their perfect day.

Dorset's newest Wedding Fayre (at the venue for the sailing competition at the London 2012 Olympic Games and Paralympic Games) promises to be a very special occasion. Doors open at 11am for the fair and close at 4pm, with admission £2 (free with flyer), which includes a glass of bucks fizz on arrival and canapés.

The highlight of the day will be the two bridal fashion shows at 12noon and 2pm presented by Valerie Honeywill of Wedding Whirled and featuring dresses from Oxfam and Girls of Elegance and suits by Moss Bros. Visitors are encouraged to arrive early and take a seat near the catwalk - so that they don't miss the beautiful gowns on show.

The wedding soloist Naomi Mulroy will be entertaining throughout the day and there will also be a "first dance" performance on stage. A dedicated 'groom zone', interactive workshops and crèche will help to ensure that brides and grooms simply can't afford to miss this event! As an added bonus, couples can enter into a competition to win a wedding at the Weymouth and Portland National Sailing Academy.

Refreshments will also be available in the cafeteria that boasts a stunning view of the Jurassic coast.

For couples yet to find the venue to hold their wedding reception this is also an opportunity to have a look around the Spinnakers Function room to see what it has to offer. There are still dates available for wedding receptions in 2012 and 2013, so whether you are planning an intimate dinner or a large party, the Sailing Academy are sure to be able to help and will even give a 20% room booking discount if the booking is made on the day.

For further information please visit the website www.wpnsa.org.uk or contact Claudia Webb on 01305 866000 or email Claudia.webb@wpnds.org.uk.

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THURSDAY FEBRUARY 9TH

DORCHESTER: Plant Heritage Dorset Group present 'The Shady Garden' - an illustrated talk by planting designer and consultant Alan Edmondson. A welcome return by a first class speaker on how to deal with that problem shady area. The talk takes place in the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College, near Dorchester at 7.30pm. Visitors are welcome (£2.50 at the door). Details are available by calling 01305 772 533 or by visiting the NCCPG website.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 12TH

BEAMINSTER: Beaminster Games Club meet at Beaminster Youth Centre (6 Prout Bridge, DT8 3AY). We do everything from Role Playing, board gaming, war gaming and Collectable card games. Every Sunday from 2pm - 6pm. For more details call 01308 862528. All welcome and it's free!

MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

BRIDPORT: Folk Dancing Club at 7.30-9.30 pm in the WI Hall, North Street, Bridport. No partner or previous experience required. Admission £2. Call 01308 863 552 or 01308 458 165 for more details.

WEYMOUTH: Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society start their new year with an illustrated talk by Clive Groves entitled 'The Secret World of Violets'. Nurseryman Clive holds the National Collection of Viola odorata and Parmas and is an internationally recognised expert on the genus. Members and visitors are welcome to the meeting which is held at 7.30pm at Southill Community Centre, Radipole Lane, Weymouth. Call 01305 772533 for more details.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 15TH

BRIDPORT: LETS (Local Exchange Trading System) AGM at WI Hall in North Street at 6.30pm. Tracey Smith, author of the book 'Rubbish Ideas' will be there to give an entertaining talk. All welcome. Call 01297 560014 for more details.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 17TH

BROADMAYNE: Market from 2 - 3.30pm, at St Martin's Community Hall (next to the Church). Raffle, craft, plants, books, Jigsaws Cards, Local Sausages, Lamb & eggs, Local watercress, cakes and preserves and a chance to sit and chat with a cup of tea or coffee. All proceeds for St Martin's Community Hall. For further information please contact Eleanor Piper 01305 853765.

WEYMOUTH: U3A February Meeting. Martin Young will be giving a talk on "How to make a Butterfly Garden". At the Salvation Army Citadel at 10am. For more details call 01305 767584.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 19TH

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SATURDAY MARCH 3RD

AXMINSTER, DEVON: Demonstration by professional turner Dave Appleby a Somerset turner who makes a range of high quality, original designed bowls, platters and hollow forms and functional domestic ware. Admission £2 for visitors, 10 am to about 4 pm at Woodbury Community Hall, Axminster, EX13 5TL. For further information call 01308 427717

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FRIDAY MARCH 9TH

SHERBORNE: 'The Knicker Lady'. 7.30pm at the Gryphon School Conference Centre, Bristol Road, Sherborne DT4 9EQ in aid of Weldmard Hospicecare. Tickets £20 each to include glass of wine & canapés, call 01305 215320 or book online at www.weld-hospice.org.uk/knickerlady

BRIDPORT: Charity blues extravaganza organised by the Lions Club of Bridport. At Freshwater. Featuring star C Sharp Blues, the Fat Marrow Blues Band and Custer's Last Blues Band. In aid of West Bay RNLI and Bridport EDP. Tickets are £10 from the TIC and the Music Shop or £12 on the door. Call 01308 897281 or email clayflurrie@tiscali.co.uk to sponsor the event and for details.

WEDNESDAY MARCH 14TH

DORCHESTER: A Musical Evening with Weymouth Operatic Society in the United Church from 7.30pm. In aid of the Samaritans of Dorset. Tickets cost £6.50 and are available by calling 01305 265 575 or on the door.

SATURDAY APRIL 7TH

AXMINSTER, DEVON: Hands on session devoted to tool sharpening. A chance to try a range of dedicated equipment as well as guidance on freehand grinding. Admission £2 for visitors, 10 am to 1 pm at Woodbury Community Hall, Axminster, EX13 5TL. For further information call 01308 427717.

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Nothing in the world is single;
All things by a law divine
In one spirit meet and mingle.
Why not I with thine? -

See the mountains kiss high Heaven
And the waves clasp one another;
No sister-flower would be forgiven
If it disdained its brother;
And the sunlight clasps the earth
And the moonbeams kiss the sea:
What is all this sweet work worth
If thou kiss not me?

It will make your reflection
A wobbling photo of grief.
I am trying to be truthful.

Not a cute card or a kissogram.

I give you an opinion.
Its fierce kiss will stay on your lips,
Possessive and faithful

As we are,
For as long as we are.
Take it.

Its platinum loops shrink to a wedding ring,
If you like.

Lethal.
Its scent will cling to your fingers,
Cling to your knife.

This lovely poem is the perfect reminder that it will soon be February 14th. Percy Bysshe Shelley (1792-1822) never made it to his 30th birthday but, after 200 years, he is still regarded as one of the finest lyric poets in the English language.

St. Valentine's Day used to be an opportunity for secret admirers to send anonymous messages of love. The recipient would have to speculate as to who the sender might be. These days, most of us, boys and girls, young and old, send Valentine's Day cards to our partners. Some of us do it perhaps because we know we will be in bother if we don't! This Valentine verse is by our present Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy.

VALENTINE

Not a red rose or a satin heart.

I give you an opinion.

It's a moon wrapped in brown paper.
It promises light
Like the careful undressing of love.

Here.

It will blind you with tears
Like a lover.

If you can't write your own verse in your Valentine, you could do worse than borrow this one from Henry Alford who wrote it about 150 years ago.

YOU AND I

My hand is lonely for your clasping, dear;
My ear is tired waiting for your call.
I want your strength to help, your laugh to cheer;
Heart, soul and senses need you, one and all.
I droop without your full, frank sympathy;
We ought to be together - you and I;
We want each other so, to comprehend
The dream, the hope, things planned, or seen, or wrought.
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As much as love asks love, does thought ask thought.
Life is so short, so fast the lone hours fly,
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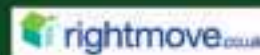
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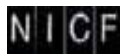
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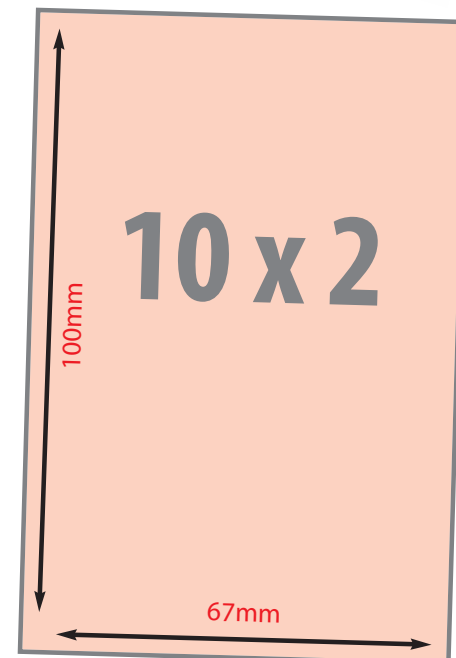
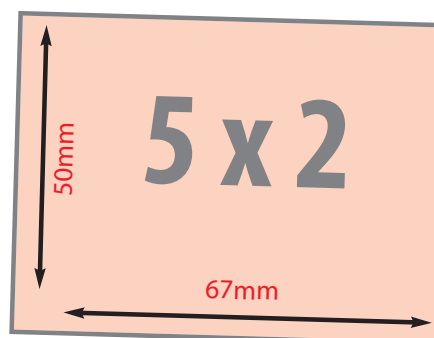
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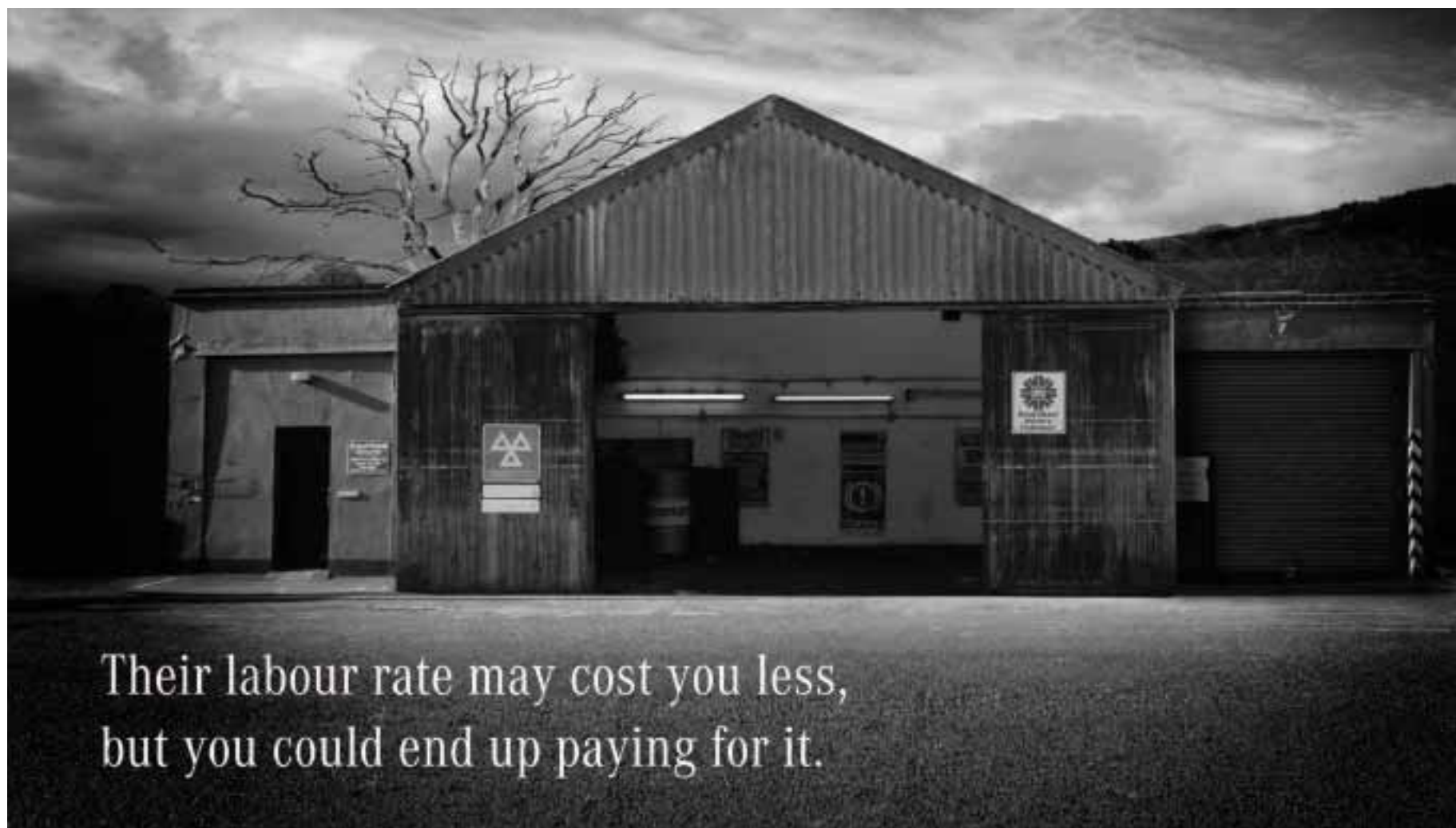


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Pattison pounces to send Portland back to pole position

Stourbridge 1 Weymouth 2

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WARREN Byerley found his scoring touch as Weymouth came from behind to end their four match losing run on an almost frozen surface at Amblecote, and in doing so inflict Stourbridge's first home defeat of the season.

The Terras captain had not scored since December 17th, a run of seven games, but he got back to form by firstly thumping home an equaliser from the penalty spot and then adding his 23rd goal of the season five minutes from time to claim all three points.

Nick Jordan made an early save from Ben Billingham but was beaten on 10 minutes with a goal Weymouth claimed was offside.

Ryan Rowe's shot from the edge of the box took a deflection and fell to Aaron Drake who beat Jordan from 10 yards, but Weymouth claimed the striker was already in an offside when Rowe shot and the goal should therefore have been disallowed.

lowed.

Weymouth's reply was rapid and Craig Duff had a shot cleared off the line after the hosts failed to clear a corner.

Jordan came to the rescue soon after when Ben Gerring's poor pass was intercepted by Sam Rock who raced through but shot straight at the Terras keeper with Rowe free inside.

Three minutes before the break Rock broke into the area but this time squared it for Rowe for what should have been a routine tap-in but inexplicably he hit the post from two yards out with an open goal in front of him.

Weymouth took full advantage of this let off when they equalised on 56 minutes when Paul McCone needlessly felled Duff, and Byerley, putting his double spot-kick disaster against Frome Town on Boxing day behind him, confidently sent Glass-boy's keeper the wrong way from the spot.

The goal gave the visitor's impetus

and after Jordan had made two smart saves from Rowe they dictated as they went looking for the winner with Duff twice going close.

Stephen Reed then had a shot cleared off the line by McCone before Byerley bagged the winner. Duff's fierce shot was parried by Solly, but Byerley reacted first to hook the ball home with an acrobatic volley to seal a well earned victory.

DORSET LEAGUE

RESULTS - Saturday, February 4th

PREMIER LEAGUE

PORTLAND UTD 1-0 SHERBORNE RES
A SAM Pattison goal on the hour was enough to send Portland back to the top of the table after a scrappy 1-0 win over basement boys Sherborne Town on Saturday.

The win, in the only game in the region to beat the weather, saw the Islanders extend their unbeaten home league record to eight games ahead of Saturday's trip to eighth-placed Parley Sports.

(All other games postponed)

SENIOR LEAGUE

AND DIVISION'S 1, 2, 3, 4, 5

(All games postponed)

FIXTURES - February 11th
PREMIER LEAGUE

Blandford United v Chickerell Utd
Bridport Res v Westland Sports
Hamworthy Rec v Swanage & H
Hamworthy Utd Res v Wincanton
Merley Cobham v Shaftesbury
Parley Sports v Portland United
Sherborne Town Res v Cranborne
Tintinhull v Holt United
Weymouth Res v Poole Borough
Senior League
Chickerell United v Sturminster Newton
Okeford United v Kingston Lacy
Piddletrenthide v Bishops Caundle
Portland United v Gillingham Town
Weymouth Sports v Up & Broadway.
Witchampton United v Stourpaine
Division One
Dorchester Town v Ship Inn, Wool
Kangaroos v Bere Regis
Poole Borough v Shaftesbury

Poundbury Rovers v Granby Rovers
Swanage & H v Dorchester Boro
Westland Sports v Merley Cobham
Wincanton Town v Mere Town

Division Two

Corfe Castle v Bridport A
Crossways v Dorchester Sports
Gillingham Town v Balti House.
Sturminster Newton Utd v 11th Signals
Wareham Rangers v Milborne Sp
Weymouth Spartans v Lytchett RT
Wyke Regis SC v Corfe Mullen Utd

Division Three

AFC Cobham v Stickland United
Cranborne v Portesham
Donhead United v Galaxy
Maiden Newton & C v Bere Regis
Soccer FC v Piddlehinton United

Division Four

Bishops Caundle v Stalbridge
Galaxy v Littlemoor
Swanage Town & H v Puddletown
Division Five
Dorchester CC v Maiden Newtn & C
Handley Sports v AFC Blandford
Mere Town v Pimperne Sports
Milborne Sports v Broadstone
Poundbury Rovers v Marnhull

PREMIER	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Portland United	21	17	2	2	57	53
Wincanton	21	17	4	0	55	52*
Westland Sports	20	15	3	2	52	48
Hamworthy Res	19	15	1	3	47	46
Holt United	21	14	2	5	34	44
Chickerell United	21	13	2	6	13	41
Parley Sports	23	11	3	9	1	36
Bridport Reserves	21	10	4	7	14	34
Swanage & Herston	21	11	1	9	-3	34
Sturminster Marshall	24	8	5	11	4	29
Blandford United	22	8	4	10	-5	28
Poole Borough	24	8	4	12	-6	28
Tintinhull	23	6	5	12	-24	23
Merley Cobham	22	6	3	13	-16	21
Hamworthy Utd Res	23	6	3	14	-37	21
Cranborne	24	6	2	16	-27	20
Weymouth Res	22	6	4	12	-16	16*
Shaftesbury	22	4	2	16	-52	14
Sherborne Res	24	0	2	22	-91	2



SENIOR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Wareham Rangers	.....18	10	5	3	11	35
Upwey & Broadway	.....18	11	2	5	9	35
Kingston Lacy	.....15	10	4	1	20	34
Portland Utd Res	.....16	6	1	26	33	
Witchampton Utd	.....16	10	2	4	12	32
Okeford United	.....16	7	4	5	14	25
Weymouth Sports	.....18	6	5	7	-5	23
Sturminster Newton Utd	.....16	6	3	7	0	21
Bishops Caundle	.....18	4	8	6	2	20
Stourpaine	.....16	5	4	7	-1	19
Gillingham Res	.....16	4	2	10	-18	14
Chickerell Utd Res	.....16	2	5	9	-16	11
Piddletrenthide	.....16	2	4	10	-15	10
Blandford Utd Res	.....19	2	4	13	-39	10

DIVISION ONE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Westland Sports Res	17	13	2	2	39	41
Mere Town	14	12	2	0	54	38
Poundbury Rovers	19	9	6	4	11	33
Poole Borough Res	18	9	2	7	7	29
Granby Rovers	12	8	1	3	18	25
Bere Regis	17	7	2	8	13	23
Merley Cobham	17	7	2	8	-10	23
Wincanton Res	17	6	3	8	-12	21
Dorchester Town A	16	6	2	8	-7	20
Swanage Town & H	14	6	1	7	-11	19
Kangaroos	15	5	2	8	-9	17
Ship Inn, Wool	17	5	2	10	-10	17
Dorchester Boro	15	3	2	10	-20	11
Shaftesbury Res	14	0	1	13	-63	1

DIVISION TWO	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Corfe Mullen Utd	17	15	1	1	57	46
Milborne Sports	15	13	0	2	52	39
11 Signals	15	11	0	4	37	33
Bridport A	17	10	3	4	27	33
Weymouth Spart	17	10	2	5	19	32
Dorchester Sports	15	9	2	4	16	29
Gillingham A	15	8	4	3	24	28
The Balti House	16	8	0	8	-4	24
Wareham Rang Res	18	6	2	10	-23	20
Crossways	16	4	0	12	-22	12
Wyke Regis SC	14	3	3	8	-37	12
Lytchett RT	17	3	1	13	-48	10
Sturminster Newton	15	1	1	13	-45	4
Corfe Castle	17	1	1	15	-53	4

DIVISION THREE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
AFC Cobham	17	13	1	3	29	40
Piddlehinton Utd	15	10	3	2	33	33
Donhead Utd	13	11	0	2	26	33
Galaxy FC	14	8	0	6	5	24
Portesham United	16	7	1	8	-4	22
Soccer FC	14	7	0	7	11	21
Bere Regis Res	15	6	1	8	6	19
Stickland United	16	5	2	9	-36	17
Maiden Newtn & C	16	5	0	11	-11	15
Okeford Utd Res	14	4	1	9	-18	13
Cranborne Res	16	2	1	13	-41	7

DIVISION FOUR	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Handley Sports	15	9	4	2	34	31
Weymouth Spart	16	8	2	6	7	26
Stalbridge	15	8	2	5	2	26
Overmoigne	14	7	4	3	2	25
Littlemoor	15	6	5	4	0	23
Poundbury Rovers	17	6	4	7	-7	22
Bishops Caundle	15	6	0	9	-10	18
Puddletown	16	5	1	10	-8	16
Swanage Town & H	14	3	3	8	-9	11*
Galaxy FC Res	13	1	7	5	-11	10

DIVISION FIVE	P	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Mere Town Res	14	12	1	1	53	37
AFC Blandford	17	13	1	3	45	40
Mere Town Res	14	12	1	1	53	37
Broadstone	16	12	1	3	39	37
Donhead Utd Res	16	10	4	2	27	34
Pimperne Sports	14	6	3	5	24	21
Marnhull	16	5	3	8	-16	18
Maiden Newtn & C	14	4	1	9	-24	13
Dorchester CC	12	4	0	8	-6	12
Handley Sports	15	3	3	9	-41	12
Milborne Sports	14	1	3	10	-22	6
Poundbury A	16	1	2	13	-79	5

(* Points adjusted)

Forsyth's out in front at Motor Club awards

FATHER and son John and Andrew Forsyth stole the show at the recent Woolbridge Motor Club Annual Awards 2011 held at Eype's Mouth Country Hotel near Bridport.

Members gathered to honour the sporting success achieved by colleagues during the 2011 season and to recognize the exceptional achievements of one of the club's most enduring members.

The annual programme of events for the South Dorset club encompasses many motor-sporting disciplines where the past season has seen the names of two members of one family engraved on the club's most prestigious trophies.

Andrew Forsyth, from Shillingstone, almost scored a hat-trick of championship successes, but was obliged to give best in the speed events to Mike Lee; the OMS SF1000 driver just edging out Forsyth junior who shared the driving duties with his father John in the Cosworth powered Pilbeam MP58 single-seater racer. Westfield sports car pilot Geoff Blake, from Weymouth, took third place having missed the important national championship event at Wiscombe Park in July.

Andrew Forsyth went one better in the trial championship at the wheel of the Citroen AX he shares with wife

Sarah, to defeat the similar machine of Weymouth's Phil Hyde. This performance along with the runner-up slot in the speed series saw Andrew claim the Victor Ludorum Award as the most successful driver of the season.

There were more trophies for Forsyth senior however, as John took third place in the Victor Ludorum behind Blandford driver David Hiscock and was also awarded the Chairman's Trophy, by the current incumbent of the office, Vic Fancy, for outstanding service on behalf of the club during 2011.

In addition to the championship prizes there were further awards for services to the club.

Three annual trophies were presented to Phil Gale, Roger Emond and Harold Sibley whilst a further special presentation was made by Geoff Pickett to Colin Rolls of Winterborne Whitechurch to acknowledge an outstanding contribution and long service which dates back to the early years of the club in the early sixties.

The award presentations were carried out by guest Simon Batten from the Manor Farm Holiday Park in Charmouth and were preceded by a formal dinner and followed by dancing into the early hours.



■ OUTSTANDING SERVICE: Geoff Pickett (left) makes a special presentation to Colin Rolls for long service and an outstanding contribution.



■ TOP DRIVER: Andrew Forsyth receives the Victor Ludorum Award from Simon Batten.

Bloodied Sol shows true grit on debut victory

SOL Gilday-Evans produced a gritty performance in winning his debut fight for Dorchester and District Boxing Club when he outpointed the more experienced Ibrahim Berisha at the Cheltenham Landsdowne Social Club recently.

The boxers played their part in what turned out to be a cracking evening of first class boxing in a fight that was full of action.

Gilday-Evans who trains at the club's TA headquarters in Dorchester, has only been boxing a few months.

In the first round Berisha, with two bouts in his favour, showed he knew his way around a boxing ring, confidently flicking out his stinging left jab, but in the last minute the Dorchester debutant sized him up and casually closed his firing range and the ring size.

The second round saw Gilday produce some heavy shots that shook Berisha, and the spectators were stirred into a vocal frenzy as the boxers set to work, and although Berisha showed aggression, every punch he landed Gilday-Evans retaliated with two.

Despite the Dorchester boxer pinning his opponent on the ropes with a lengthy exchange of combination shots, he could not put Berisha down who rolled and ducked his way out of trouble.

However the third round belonged to Gilday-Evans whose jab was causing Berisha's nose to bleed, and just before the final bell he landed two rights and a left which sent his opponent reeling backwards to emerge a worthy winner.

Guest of Honour Neville Brown WBO Super middleweight and twice Lonsdale Belt Champion heartily congratulated both boxers at the presentation.

Presenting a proud Gilday-Evans with his trophy, Neville said: "Boy you have the technique, potential and stamina. I am well impressed."

Trainer Ben Geyser said: "It's pleased me no end to see Sol's win. There's no doubt both boys put up a great show, the appreciation from the spectators showed that it was an exceptional bout."



SOME CONTEST: Neville Brown congratulates Sol Gilday-Evans (left) after his fine win over Ibrahim Berisha

RUGBY ROUND-UP

WITH KEITH JENKIN

Freeze causes fixture dilemma

A FEW weeks ago I took issue with the organisers of the local league fixture programme, querying as to the advisability of having league games on the first four Saturdays of the new year in view of the fact that these were the four most vulnerable weeks weather wise. These weeks came and went.

There was hardly a postponement to be seen, and most clubs were hardly plagued with catch-up games - they must have known more than I.

Then of course, in the week leading up to the first Saturday in February, all things changed.

A hard midweek frost made grounds unplayable and the forecast thaw did not come in time to save any local game.

In fact PUDDLETOWN called off their home game late on Friday.

Most postponements came on Saturday morning, while Bridport seconds invited local opposition, Dorchester seconds to come and inspect. This they did and it was reluctantly decided that no play would take place.

PREVIEW

WORD on the street has it that league fixtures that should have taken place on Saturday last would now be played on Saturday next, a day on which no league games were due to be played.

Their was a snag however - February 11th was a Saturday given over to cup rounds and National Cups take precedence over the league.

WEYMOUTH are most certainly an exception for, having won the Dorset & Wilts Plate Competition, they now go national and take on DRIFTERS from the adjoining region at home.

Their opponents are a side of whom I know little but I see that they lie at the top of the Berks, Bucks & Oxon Premier Division, and will therefore, certainly be no mugs.

I seem to remember Weymouth facing them a few seasons ago, with the game taking place on the local school ground.

I am aware that memory is an unreliable talent, (at least mine tends to be so) but I believe that Weymouth won that one, although they had to come from behind to do so; and that their opponents flattered to deceive on that occasion.

That is in the past however, and really all a club can ask in this situation is that it gets a home draw. Weymouth have just that, and let's hope that they can make it count.

DORCHESTER are at home and face a real tester with the visit of WIMBORNE. Their opponents, although their first side has not shown overmuch in the season thus far, are a capable club,

and are running into a bit of form.

BRIDPORT too will have their hands full at SHERBORNE seconds, while PUDDLETOWN take on a side whom they should beat in WHEATSHEAF CABIN CREW, although their opponents showed that they certainly can score tries last time out.

As to the second sides Dorchester seconds will be hoping to cement their place at the top of their division by beating Bridport seconds, and I think that they will do so, while Weymouth seconds should have too much for Wincanton.

Dorchester thirds have a game against New Milton thirds that they should win, and Weymouth thirds travel to Ellingham & Ringwood thirds and certainly have a chance there.

Fixtures - 11th February

Bridport v Sherborne 2nd (away); Bridport 2nd v Dorchester 2nd (home); Chard v No Game; Chard 2nd v Morganians (home); Chard 3rd v Castle Cary 2nd (home); Crewkerne v Minehead Barbarians (away); Dorchester v Wimborne (home); Dorchester 2nd v Bridport 2nd (away); Dorchester 3rd v New Milton (home); Honiton v Withycombe (away); Honiton 2nd v Kingsbridge 2nd (away); Puddletown v Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew (home); Sidmouth v Thornbury (away); Sidmouth 2nd v Crediton 2nd (home); Sidmouth 3rd v Crediton 3rd (home); Weymouth v Drifters (home); Weymouth 2nd v Wincanton (home); Weymouth 3rd v Ellingham & Ringwood 3rd (away).

CURRENT LEAGUE TABLES

SOUTHERN Sth	P	W	D	L	+/	Pts
North Dorset.....	15	13	0	2	207	61
Sherborne.....	15	10	1	4	165	52
Devizes.....	15	9	0	6	138	47
DORCHESTER.....	15	10	0	5	162	46
Walcot.....	15	9	1	5	125	42
Frome.....	15	8	2	5	129	41
Wimborne.....	15	8	0	7	143	38
Trowbridge.....	15	9	0	6	13	37
Corsham.....	15	5	1	9	-106	27
Oakmedians.....	15	5	0	10	-136	27
Blandford.....	15	1	0	14	-420	6
Melksham.....	15	1	0	14	-420	-2

DORSET & W 1 Sth	P	W	D	L	+/	Pts
WEYMOUTH.....	15	12	0	3	331	61
Warminster.....	15	12	0	3	143	55

Swanage & W II.....	15	9	1	5	69	46
Westbury.....	15	10	0	5	109	45
Sherborne II.....	15	7	0	8	-1	37
Ivel Barbarians.....	15	7	1	7	115	34
BRIDPORT.....	15	6	0	9	21	32
Bournemouth III.....	15	7	0	8	23	31
North Dorset II.....	15	6	0	9	-142	28
Salisbury II.....	15	5	0	10	-89	23
Frome II.....	15	5	0	10	-265	21
Ellm & Ringwood.....	15	3	0	12	-314	19

DORSET & W 2 Sth	P	W	D	L	+/	Pts
Wimborne II.....	11	10	0	1	400	48
Oakmedians II.....	11	10	0	1	369	48
PUDDLETOWN.....	11	7	0	4	191	35
WEYMOUTH II.....	11	6	0	5	-13	28
East Dorset.....	11	6	0	5	71	25
Poole.....	11	4	1	6	18	23
Fordingbridge II.....	11	4	1	6	16	21
North Dorset III.....	11	3	1	7	-109	18
Wheatsheaf CC.....	11	2	1	8	-392	12
Wincanton.....	11	1	0	10	-551	-1

DORSET & W 3 Sth	P	W	D	L	+/	Pts
New Milton II.....	12	10	0	2	248	42
DORCHESTER II.....	11	8	0	3	219	39
South Wilts.....	11	8	0	3	64	38
Swanage & W III.....	11	6	0	5	101	27
Oakmedians III.....	12	4	1	7	-7	25
Salisbury III.....	11	4	0	7	-166	23
BRIDPORT II.....	11	5	1	5	67	18
Verwood.....	11	3	1	7	-80	18
Lytchett Min II.....	11	2	1	8	-171	13
Blandford II.....	11	4	0	7	-275	10

DORSET & WILT 4	P	W	D	L	+/	Pts
Frome III.....	10	9	0	1	316	46
Wimborne III.....	9	7	0	2	82	35
Swanage & W IV.....	11	6	1	4	46	34
Bournemouth IV.....	10	6	1	3	12	31
Ell & Ringwood III.....	9	5	0	4	-93	23
WEYMOUTH III.....	9	2	0	7	-177	9
DORCHESTER III.....	11	3	0	8	-25	8
North Dorset IV.....	10	3	0	7	-130	2

Weymouth youth

Oakmedians U14s 31 Weymouth 50

WEYMOUTH proved too strong for Oaks in a cracking match that hung in the balance until the last few minutes.

The Seasiders started well when Matt Barker Mcgee used his strength and pace to break through the Oaks line feeding Nat Baynham Jones for Johnny Young to cross for the first try.

Oaks fought straight back and applied good pressure with a number of scrums well into Weymouth territory before scoring a converted try for the lead 7-5.

From the restart Oaks scored again when a quick penalty brought a try under the posts; the home team kicking well to convert 14-5.

Weymouth were spreading the ball well with good back play, and Rob Macdonald ran down the line for a try to make it 14-10, before Baynham Jones who was proving hard to stop, fed Frasier Barnes to take the lead back 14-15.

However Oakmedians retook the lead when they scored from an overlap at the 20 minute break.

The Seasiders took control after the interval with MOM George Harvey involved in most of their good moves. An injury to an Oaks prop meant that scrums went uncontested before Young scored again.

Weymouth then introduced their influential runners Caolan Ryan and Toby de Kretser, although it was the overall teamwork that was most satisfying.

Oakmedians then missed a great opportunity to score before another Rob Macdonald try took the away side back into the lead, and de Kretser then gave Weymouth some breathing space with a try to make it 21-30 at the 40 minutes mark.

The Blues scoring continued in the final third with a try for Ryan followed by a fantastic solo run from Young who went over in the corner.

The home team showed great team spirit in fighting back to make it a nail biting finale with Weymouth eventually prevailing.

Weymouth U10S suffer reversal at Swans

WEYMOUTH Under 10s travelled to Wareham hoping to complete the double in the reverse fixture against the Swan.

In the first game, the home side started strongly, making bursts which the Weymouth boys seemed unable to cope with by the numbers that Swans threw into contact, and so it was against the run of play that they took the lead.

Jack Hayward appeared with the ball a few metres from his own line and ran the length of the pitch with the home side trailing in his wake.

That proved to be a false dawn for Weymouth though, as the home side scored three tries without reply through their driving play, before Robert Hunter broke away at the end of the half to pull one back.

After the break though, the home side went into overdrive, scoring five unanswered tries to win the match 8-2 with the visitors seemingly unable to work together and their runners were often found without support and the ball turned over.

In the second match, it was the home side who scored first, but Weymouth roared back with tries from Hayward, and a brace from Henry Bell to lead 3-1 at the break.

Their overall play was more intense too, as they fought for each other and won a number of turnovers.

However the home side clawed themselves back into the game, and overhauled the Weymouth boys at the finish to win 4-3 and gain revenge for their defeats at Monmouth Avenue last year.

The best efforts award was given to Loui Balsdon.

Honours shared for under 9s

HONOURS were shared when Weymouth under 9's visited Swanage & Wareham; two high scoring and entertaining matches ending with one victory apiece.

In the first match, Weymouth were caught by Swanage, who started well. However a big second-half improvement saw Toby Diment-Aylott score three times with Liam Howlett adding a fourth in an 8-4 defeat.

The defeat made Weymouth determined for revenge and they ran in 11 tries in the second game through Diment-Aylott (3), Howlett (3), Sam Burton (2) and one a piece for Harvey Weston, Ian Clements and Harry Baker.

Some great long runs by Reid Hutchins and good defensive work by Harry Maynard, Daniel Kingman, Josh Radburn-Richards and Kyle Becalic, ensured a comfortable 11-4 victory.

Two wins for Under 7s

WEYMOUTH won both games of exciting and excellent rugby against Swanage & Wareham.

Two quick tries from Cory Baker and Ryan White put Weymouth ahead before the Swans drew level, but some fantastic supporting play from Emily Jones and Cormac Walkington lead to some more outstanding tries from Baker and White to secure a 5-2 victory.

The second game again produced excellent tries from both sides, the pick of them an individual effort by Jones. In a nail-biting finish Weymouth finally prevailed 8-6 with Rowan McIlroy taking the man-of-the-match award.

Reformed Weymouth Ladies team show passion and pride



THE first Weymouth RFC Ladies team for more than a decade made their debut recently and despite losing to a strong St Ivel side showed great pride and passion for the game. The game at Monmouth Avenue was the first involving Weymouth Ladies since 2001.

This was their first competitive fixture since forming just six months ago, and despite the majority of players having not played before coach Nathan Parker said: "All the coaches are extremely proud of every single one of them. They rose to the challenge and played with pride and passion."

The game, a development fixture, saw Ivel, a well drilled side immediately putting Weymouth on the back foot. However, after a nerv-

ous start Weymouth began to settle, and as time went on they started working well together making tackles, competing for possession, and asking questions of Ivel. However the visitors ran out worthy winners. Players of the match were Liz Bell and Dianna Minardi.

The ladies are pictured left with their coaches Nathan Parker, Matt Hanson and Lian Berry wearing their training kit sponsored by Weymouth Deli for which the club thank Lian Berry for the kind support.

If anybody is interested in joining the team then please go along to training on Wednesday evenings 6.30-8pm and Sunday's 12.30-2pm or give Nathan Parker a call for more details on 07818 055385.

Cowboys shot down by Bucks

WEYMOUTH COWBOYS 63
HYTHE BUCKS 72
WITH the Weymouth Cowboys starting to find some form they hoped to



STAR MAN:
Weymouth Cowboys' Sam Dodge.

avenge an away defeat to The Hythe Bucks when they played at Weymouth College last week.

But the hosts came out slowly and were 4-0 down after three minutes but three pointers from Sam Dodge and Dan Campbell opened the home team's account.

Coach Alex Fuhrmann called a time out mid way through the first quarter to rally the team and with a change in personnel and defence the Cowboys finished the quarter strongly with hard work inside from Rob Legg and strong driving from Giles Heaman resulting in points.

At the start of the second quarter Weymouth were again slow to start and allowed Hythe to open out an 11 point lead. With the emphasis placed on the zone press and an injection of intensity in the form of Steve Howlett, Weymouth were able to cause turnovers and bring the deficit back to five by the halfway mark with the score standing at Cowboys 27-32 Bucks

The third quarter was much better for the Cowboys as they used their inten-

sity from defence to generate their offence.

Andy Steel started to dominate in the key, and continued excellent defence and passing from Sam Dodge meant that the sides finished level going into the final quarter.

Unfortunately, as has been the case for most of this season, the Cowboys were unable to maintain their good play as Hythe repeatedly broke down the press defence to score easy baskets during a run of 10 unanswered points, resulting in another frustrating loss for the Weymouth side 72-63.

Coach Alex Fuhrmann said: "It seemed to be there were only a few players out there tonight giving 100 percent, I'm thankful those guys stepped up as we would have been hammered without them. If the other guys are willing to put in the same effort then we'll definitely beat them in our next encounter."

◆ GAME MVP: SAM DODGE

Scorers/Roster: Andy Steel 16, Dan Campbell 13, Sam Dodge 10, Giles Heaman 9, Jack Speary 7, Rob Legg 4, Steve Howlett 2, Filippo Romano 2, Eric Olson.

Dorchester & District Snooker League

RESULTS: WDC Whipping Boys 2 West Dorset Club C 5, Colliton XQ2011 2 West Dorset Club A 5, Colliton Hopefuls 6 Colliton Club B 0, Trinity Gooduns 3 WDC Whipping Boys 5, Trinity M 3 Trinity Gooduns 5, Colliton Club B 3 West Dorset Club A 5, Purbeck Potters 3 Colliton Cons 5, Trinity Express 3 Colliton Nomads 5, 30+ breaks: M.Beale 33, G.Bartlett 32, E.Wellman 30.

Top Break of the Season: Mark Beale (Trinity Gooduns), Graham Bartlett (West Dorset Club A) both 66.

	Pld	W	D	L	N/R	Pts
West Dorset Club C.....	13	10	2	1	0	65
West Dorset Club A.....	13	9	2	2	0	63
Trinity Gooduns.....	15	9	2	4	0	61
Colliton Cons.....	14	8	1	5	0	56
Trinity M.....	15	6	2	7	0	56
Trinity Express.....	15	4	2	9	0	54
Colliton XQ2011.....	15	6	2	7	0	53
Purbeck Potters.....	15	3	5	7	0	53
Colliton Hopefuls.....	14	5	1	8	0	46
Colliton Nomads.....	13	7	1	5	0	45
WDC Whipping Boys.....	15	6	0	9	0	45
Colliton Club B.....	15	2	2	11	0	45

◆ TEAM OPEN KO CUP semi-final: West Dorset Club C v Colliton Nomads P (rearranged for Feb 1st at Trinity Club).

◆ TEAM HANDICAP KO CUP FINAL: West Dorset Club A v Colliton Cons (Monday, February 13th at Trinity Club).

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INSIDE: Weymouth basketball news

Terras comeback put on ice

SATURDAY'S freezing conditions put paid to any chance Weymouth could build on their excellent victory at Stourbridge in mid-week.

After three consecutive away trips, that saw the Terras lose them all whilst conceding nine and scoring just one goal, it looked as if they would suffer the same fate against the Glassboys who were unbeaten at home.

However a return to scoring form saw Warren Byerley bag a brace after seven barren matches in a 2-1 win and set up the chance of building their confidence with a rare home game against second bottom Cirencester Town on Saturday.

However a frozen pitch put paid to that opportunity, and they now face another two tough away fixtures.

Manager Brendon King was philosophical about the situation.

"It's not ideal, particularly after Tuesday night's performance which was a great result, a win we thoroughly deserved. It would have been nice to come home having taken the pressure off of us, but the elements have beaten us, and now we have another two

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tough away trips at Barwell and Chippenham Town.

"But that's what it is, and we have got to try and get something out of the game which we think we can.

"Stourbridge are a very good side; I think one of the best in the league. It wasn't the fact we came away with the three points, it was the manner in which we won.

"It wasn't a 'smash and grab', we thoroughly deserved it, but it was frustrating not to play on Saturday."

King was quick to dispel perceived criticism of his defence in recent matches, instead suggesting it was not only a team responsibility, but luck that had deserted his team at both ends of the pitch.

"We know that on our day we are a match for anyone in this league, as long as we have all eleven players out there playing well, not just six or seven, and

our results have shown that. You can't carry too many at any level.

"It's not just about the defence, it's collectively everyone doing their job and not switching off. When we do that we look a good side to be honest.

"I have been a little critical of the boys in recent matches, but to be fair we haven't had the rub of the green in either penalty box. Sometimes it goes for you, but in recent games it hasn't, but sometimes you have to make your own luck.

"For example we went behind on Tuesday to what was an offside goal, but the character the boys showed to come back was superb."

With Sam Malsom having joined rivals Dorchester Town, King was quick to replace him with former Salisbury City striker Ben Joyce. The 22-year-old joins the Terras on non-contract terms, and the boss sees him as an ideal replacement for Malsom.

"Sam had his head turned on playing at a higher level, and we wish him well for the future. I have been watching Ben for a while. He is a handful in the



■ WOMENS Rugby made a welcome return to Weymouth RFC as the club's new reformed ladies team took on St Ivel recently, see report on page 47 inside.
Photos by CHRIS DAVIS

penalty area and links up play well."

King is also trailing another unnamed striker, and has also sealed another month's loan for James Coutts from AFC Totton.

The coup of the week however is persuading Stephen Reed to change his mind over a move to the Magpies. Having already agreed terms with Dor-

chester Town, midfielder Reed decided to stay loyal to Weymouth and King, following a last gasp meeting.

"It's a massive boost for us; when Reedy plays well, we play well. He's a terrific player with great ability.

"It's a two way thing. I reminded him in our chat that I had showed a little bit of faith in signing him for a fourth spell

at the club, despite a lot of criticism from some quarters.

"But I stuck by my decision and think I have got the best out of him, and he has shown faith in the club in return by staying."

King is hoping to offer the midfielder a permanent contract that will see him at the club until the end of next season.

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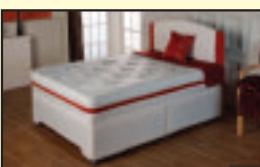
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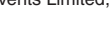
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